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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: COORDINATION WITH TANGOV

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1. AFTER MEETING WITH PRP REPS JUNE 20 (REFTELS) IS WAS AGREED THAT TANGOV SHOULD BE BRIEFED ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN KIDNAPPING CASE. EVENING JUNE 20 AMBASSADOR AND DCM IN SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS TOLD FONMIN PRINCIPAL SECRETARY NYAKYI AND EUROPE-AMERICAS DIRECTOR MUGANDA RESPECTIVELY OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AS FOLLOWS:

2. TWO PRP REPRESENTATIVES ARRIVED AT EMBASSY MORNING JUNE 20 CARRYING THREE LETTERS DATED JUNE 15, 16 AND 17 FOR DUTCH AND AMERICAN AMBASSADORS. LETTERS SIGNED BY THREE STUDENTS AS WERE PREVIOUS LETTERS. AFTER DAY-LONG DISCUSSION WITH THESE TWO MEN, CONFIDENTIAL

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WE CONVINCED THEY ARE BONA FIDE REPRESENTATIVES OF PRP. DEMANDS

HAVE BEEN SLIGHTLY ALTERED. REQUEST FOR MONEY IS SAME. PRP NOW ASKING REPRESENTATION BY DUTCH AND AMERICAN AMBASSADORS FOR RELEASE OF PRP MEMBERS HELD BY TANGOV. REQUEST FOR ARMS REDUCED TO 25 MACHINEGUNS AND 100,000 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION. IN DISCUSSION WITH PRP REPRESENTATIVES DURING DAY, HOWEVER, REQUEST FOR ARMS DROPPED. PRP REPS TOLD DUTCH AND AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS COULD NOT RPT NOT PAY RANSOM, BUT AMBASSADORS WOULD REQUEST OF TANGOV RELEASE PRP DETAINEES. PARENTS MAY BE ABLE TO RAISE SOME OF RANSOM, BUT PROBABLY NOT FULL AMOUNT. PRP REPS AGREED NO RPT NO PUBLICITY WOULD BE MADE IF RANSOM PAID. PRP REPS DID CONCUR IN RELEASE STATEMENT TO PRESS THAT AMBASSADORS HAD RECEIVED LETTERS. DEREK BRYCESON OF TANGOV WAS PRESENT AT ALL PLANNING AND DISCUSSION SESSIONS WITH PRP REPS. NYAKYI AND MUGANDA BOTH REQUESTED TO ASSURE CONTINUING TANGOV COOPERATION, ESPECIALLY IF IN NEXT DAY OR SO WE GET TO POINT OF BEING ABLE TO ARRANGE EXCHANGE OF PRP REPS AND MONEY FOR STUDENTS IN KIGOMA-LAKE TANGANYIKA AREA. BOTH TANGOV OFFICIALS TOLD EARLY CONFIRMATION OF POSSIBILITY RELEASE IN TIME BY TANGOV OF PRP DETAINEES WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL.

3. MUGANDA, WHO WAS AT HOME, SAID JOSEPH BUTIKU, PRIVATE SECRETARY TO PRESIDENT NYERERE, HAD JUST LEFT. HE WOULD ASK HIM TO COME BACK AND HE WOULD RELAY INFORMATION PARA TWO TO HIM. HE WOULD URGE THAT BUTIKU RELAY LATEST DEVELOPMENTS ON KIDNAPPING TO PRESIDENT NYERERE IMMEDIATELY. WOULD REPORT TO US NYERERE'S REACTION WHEN RECEIVED. NYAKYI SIMILARLY SAID HE WOULD GET INFORMATION TO PRESIDENT IN SOUTHERN REGIONS SOONEST.

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